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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63763

Akihiro SANDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/843,765

Group Art Unit: 3724

Confirmation No.: 9192

Examiner: Thomas J. Druan

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: SLITTER BLADE ASSEMBLY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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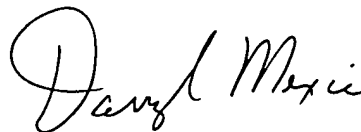
Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2003, for the above-identified application.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 - 7, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file Divisional Applications directed to non-elected Group II and Group III.

Respectfully submitted,



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